

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

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Mr. Walter J. Boyne
Director
National Air and Space Museum
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C. 20560

Dear Mr. Boyne:

Your request for the release of a camera to the National Air and Space Museum has received careful consideration. I must regretfully inform you that the request cannot be granted. I am sure you will understand that our paramount concern must be the protection of sensitive national security information; we feel that declassifying this equipment for public display would not serve that purpose.

Please accept my best wishes for the success of your new exhibit, "Looking at Earth."

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey

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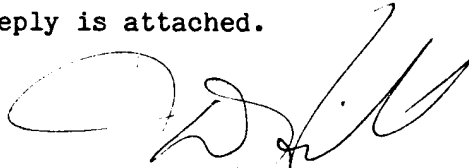
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: National Air and Space Museum Request for the Release of a Satellite
Reconnaissance Camera

The National Reconnaissance Office has carefully reviewed the request by the National Air and Space Museum for a satellite reconnaissance camera to include in a new exhibit to open to the public in the spring of 1986. National Space Policy (NSDD-42) requires the continued classification of this hardware.

Recommend the National Air and Space Museum be advised that their request cannot be accommodated. A draft reply is attached.



J. D. HILL

1 Attachment
Proposed Memo to Smithsonian

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Mr. William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The National Air and Space Museum is currently preparing a new exhibit entitled "Looking at Earth" which is scheduled to open to the public in the spring of 1986. The display will trace the development of Earth observations from the earliest balloon photos of the 19th Century, through aerial photography, to today's complex satellite imagery.

One section of the gallery, highlighted by a U-2 aircraft, will deal with reconnaissance. In 1977, Michael Collins, our former Director, discussed with your agency the possibility of our acquisition of a satellite reconnaissance camera. I would like to include the camera or a similar instrument in the exhibit if it would be appropriate to declassify it at this time. I would greatly appreciate any assistance your agency could provide on this matter.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Walter J. Boyne
Director

cc: D. Lopez



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Security Officer

SUBJECT: Air & Space Museum's Request for the Release of a Satellite
Reconnaissance Camera

Per our conversation last week, attached is a copy of the Air and Space Museum's request for the release of a satellite reconnaissance camera, and a copy of the DCI's interim reply. I'd appreciate your giving us a ruling on this after coordinating as necessary with OD&E.

Evan would like us to get a response out as soon as possible. Could you get back in touch with me by 18 May to advise of the status of the request? My secure line is [Redacted]

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Thanks very much.

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